

Benham & Queen's Count
Long Island - N.Y.
Sept 14. 1843

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Respected Sir!

The kindness you have
evinced towards me, makes me feel confident
that you will pardon the liberty I shall be in
addressing you. I have a great desire to
know the names of the two plants, specimens
of which I inclose in this note. You will
confer on me a very great favor by sending
me a line with the information I desire.
Please also tell me if the smaller one be
scarce. Dr Purdy, upon whose land it grows
is something of a botanist but does not know it
he has also shown it to Dr Mead who is
likewise unacquainted with this plant.

Your very obt. Servt.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

O. K. Willis

To

Dr Torrey



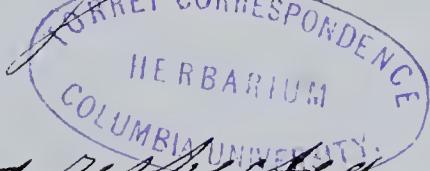
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Dr. Garrison
College of New Jersey
Princeton, N. Jersey



Highstown Jan 28. 1844



Dear and respected Sir:

I have been some time searching for a history of Botany, but have not found anything that is at all satisfactory. I shall be much obliged to you if you will direct me to a source where I may be able to find the desired information.

I got a letter from Dr. Keniskern last Fall desiring me to procure for him some specimens of Lycopodium polystachyon which I found in great abundance - I obtained a copy of Beck's Botany thro' the means of Prof. Henry, as you directed me.

Dr. E. Mcchesney a practicing Physician here desires me to request you to obtain for him a small quantity of the same kind of medicine which you procured for Jeremiah Taylor (or Lator) He does not recollect the name of it - please send it by the bearer who will settle with you for it - please send directions how to administer it &c

I shall be very much obliged to
you for a line on the subject of the
History of Bokany - I have been reading
Gray all the time I have had to devote to it -

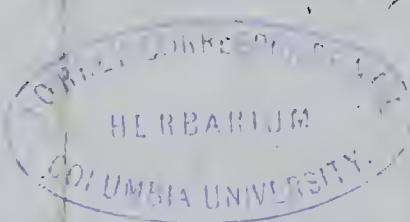
Yours with deep respect

O. R. Willis

To Dr J. Torrey

P.S. The Doctor's brother (Dr C. G. M'Chesney
of Trenton) thinks the name of the above
medicine is Wood Naphtha

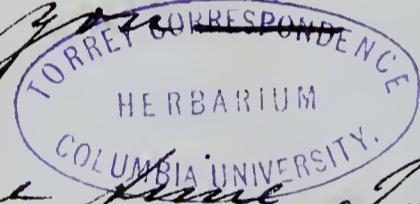
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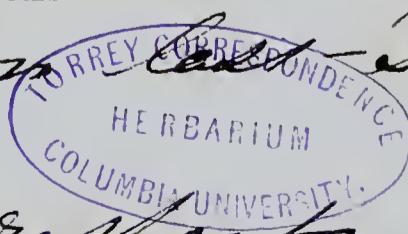
Hightstown Feb 23 /44

Respected Sir:

I am requested
by the Physicians of Hightstown
to introduce to you the bearer
Mr Israel Pearce - a justice of
the peace, now acting as coroner.
He has with him a Human Stomach
which you are desired to examine - the
reasons &c he will give you.



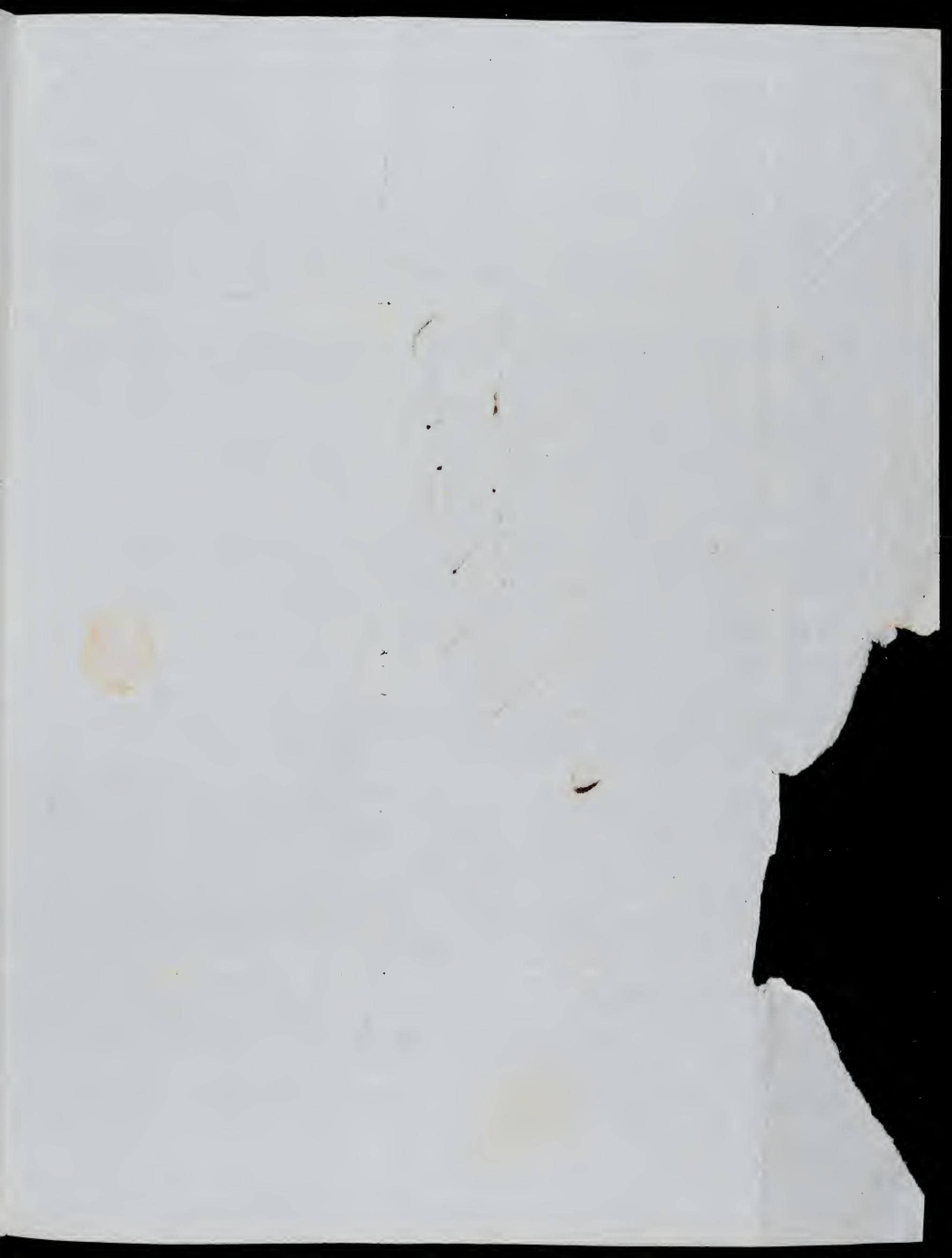
When you have time I hope
you will be kind enough to send
me a few lines by mail, in answer
to my last - I received some Spec-
imens of (Empetrum conradii)
from Dr Koenigsberg last week - in
return I sent him some Specimens
of (Lygodium palmatum) which I found
by your direction last Fall.



Yours with respect

O. B. Willig

To Dr J. Torrey



Dr John Torrey
College of Physicians
New York





July 1- 1844

My Dear Sir

I send you some of the labors of the season. You will confer on me a great kindness by looking over these specimens and correcting the names that are wrong, and giving me the names of those that are not labeled. I manage to collect some every week but am so much engaged with my school that I cannot spend as much time as I did last summer.

I find many plants here that grow about Princeton.

I find that it will be impossible for me to accompany you on the Island this summer. nothing would give me more pleasure but it is out of my power. I hope that I shall some time or other have the honor of a tour in the company of Dr. Torrey — I will be as active as I can here —

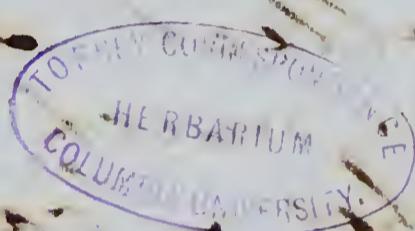
I wish to see you very much
I have a great many things to
ask concerning Botany

Do you expect to be home
during the vacation?

Please let me know I expect
to be in Princeton soon when
I hope to see you and get
the specimens that I may send
you

Yours with much respect

To Dr Torrey O. R. Willis



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Dr. Cherry

Princeton July 7. 1844

Dear and respected

HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

jr.

Mr. Rowell tells me that you expect to start for the Island on the 10th inst. I hoped to be able to see you before you left but have been prevented by an attack of Neuralgia which has confined me to the house for the past week. Had it not been for that I should have been in Princeton last Saturday.

I hope you will let me know by a few lines when you expect to return. I have been reading Gray and an article in the "Library of Useful Knowledge" but I do not get enough from them I wish to obtain a better knowledge of the structure of plants than I can get from these. perhaps I do not study as I ought. If you can direct me to a better source or to a better method of study I will take it as a great favor. Please write me a few questions that I ought to be able to answer by reading Gray that I may know if

I have studied correctly. Please tell me also if your "New York Flora" is yet published. The asters and Solidagoes are coming out, is it not very early for them? I do not find so many new plants here as I expected to. — I shall visit the pines soon. Please answer this before you leave for the Island. I wish to know about your Flora &c. I am so far recovered as to be in the field again, I was out yesterday and shall be again to day.

Yours with respect

O. R. Willis

To Dr Torrey



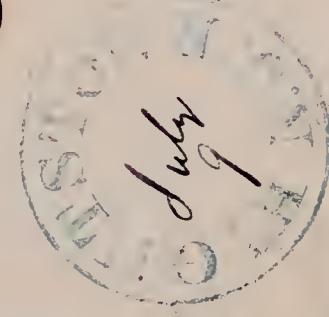


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Dr. J. C. Barry
Prin cedone
J. J. D.



Hightstown July 17/44

Dear sir!

I have thought much about the Microscope since I saw you and feel now that it is very necessary that I should have one - and have made up my mind to take the one you offered me, as I am not acquainted with the instrument - I depend entirely on your recommendation

I shall not be able to visit Princeton before you leave it - therefore you will please drop me a line in the office after you return, and I will visit you and get the glass - We have had a tremendous rain here.

With deep respect I remain yours

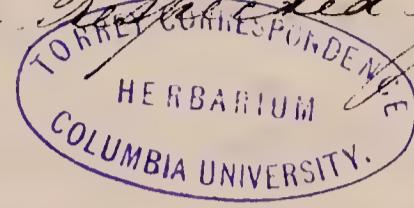
O. B. Willis

To Dr. S. Torrey



my
Sightsown Aug' 19 1844

Dir so much ~~beste~~ ^{DARE CONFIAR} ged für!



Yours of the 19- instant-

came to me to day at noon - The Microscope
reached me on Thursday last being the day
after the date of the note that came with
it. I should have written and sent you
the price of the instrument immediately
but I had purposed to visit Princeton
on Saturday next; but I received a letter
to day at the same time that I got yours
which calls me elsewhere on that day. I therefore
make haste to answer your letter of 19th
and at the same time remit you the
\$10 - for the Microscope which you will
find enclosed - I also send you a plant
that I have not yet been able to find
any name for - Please send me the
name of the map that grows so abundantly

here in the swamps - At the time when
I received the microscope I was engaged in
preparing my large School for examination
and have been since then constantly employed
in making bills, filling up reports &c for
the Scholars; I have therefore had no
time to use the glass and have not
been in the field before to day since
last Saturday a week, my Harry is now
over and I intend to make up lost time
we have had no rain here for a long
time and the plants are dying, the lower
leaves are so much destroyed that no
good Specimen can be procured unless
it be those that grow in the wet swamps
Concerning the person you inquire
for he is a Justice of the peace and
is a methodist preacher at the time
you spoke to me of the matter before



Concerning the person you inquire
for he is a justice of the peace and
is a methodist preacher at the time
you spoke to me of the matter before,

P.S. I was returning yesterday evening
a blank which I had to be a specimen of
what I have seen, & will send a specimen to you when it is con-
sidered

Sought an opportunity to speak to
him of the matter, intending to make
some indirect inquiries as you did not
wish me to let him know that you
had said any thing to me concerning the
affair - but I was unable to introduce
the subject in that way - I however ascer-
tained by other means that he had called
on the County Clerk and on account
of some want of formality he (the
clerk) refused to sign the bill that
he (Esg Pearce) presented until such
defects were rectified - I have not heard whether
he has been again or not - Mr Pearce
is now in the City he will be home
on Saturday night and if you think
best I will inquire of him - You will please
answer this as soon as you get it for he will
be here for N. York again on Monday morning
as he has business that will keep him in the
city for several weeks - his name is
Israel Pearce Yours sincerely with respect
O. R. Willis

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY

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J. J.

Dr. George H. Jackson
Princeton, N. J.



Henry



Dear & Respected Sir!

Sept 16. 1844

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Yours of the 11th came to hand in due season - I expected to visit Princeton ere this but, have been prevented by business engagem^{ents} I was up the Hudson a few miles from N. York on the east side - Having transacted my business I had some time on my hands; being obliged to wait for a returning steamer to take me to the city - I embraced this opportunity to stroll in the wood but I saw nothing new - the Asters & Solidagoes were suffering for the want of rain - I was out to day a little while but it is so dry here that all the lower leaves of the plants are dead It is almost impossible to get a fair Specimen of any plant - I send you a few Specimens which I am not certain about - please give me their names - I hope to visit Princeton before you leave it.

I saw Esq Pearce on board the steam-boat on Saturday returning from New York; and while talking

with him he asked me if I had
heard from you; since I spoke to
him concerning the service you performed
for him I had a desire to know
what his views were concerning his
personal obligations to you & I discov-
ered indirectly that he feels bound
to pay you whether he gets it from
the town or not. He hopes however
to obtain it when the board of
freeholders meet — You may keep
the plants until I call for them
if you please — I found

Rhynchospora cymosa the next day
after I wrote to you in the very
place that you have since
pointed out, and I have also found
it in the same swamp where the
Lycopodium grows — I wish to send
you some Asters & Solidagoes that
I have collected here but they
are not in order to send now, I will
try to send them before you leave
Princeton — I hope I shall enjoy
the pleasure of witnessing the powers
of your new microscope — When
I sent my order to New York for the
French books W. & Putnam had one
of them on hand which my bookseller

Sent to me - I find many words that are new, many of which I am obliged to guess at, as I have no vocabulary of scientific terms in French. But I manage by the context to come pretty near the meaning - The title of the book is "Recherches Generales Sur L'organographie, La Physiologie et L'organogenie Des Vegetaux Par Charles Gaudichaud"

Yours with much respect

To Dr. J. Torrey O. R. Willis
TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.



Dr. J. Torrey
Princeton



Hightstown Mar 25/45

Dr. Jr:

Yours came to me in due season, and I now tender my thanks for your kindness - I have not had time yet to try any experiments on the ~~larkspur~~
A friend of mine bro't me a few specimens of a small plant, a specimen of which I enclose. It was in the same state when I rec'd it that it now is, and I was unable to decide it. Some time last summer I sent you a few specimens to determine, which I have never received again. I requested you at the time to keep them until I called for them, and when I did call, you was absent and I did not get them. I spoke of them when I saw you in the city but you did not then rec'dict any thing about the matter, and I supposed they had been mislaid hoping when you returned you would crass them

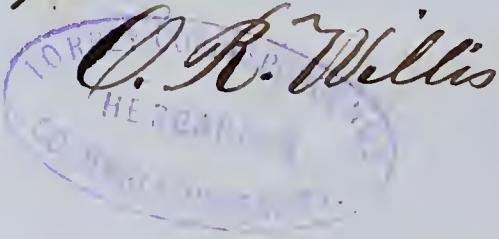
There was one among them that I got
near, Freehold in Monmouth Co
and as I have not met with
any other Specimen of the same
plant I feel anxious to know
the name of it - I expect to be
in Princeton about the middle
of May or a little sooner perhaps.
There are a few plants that will
be in flower then, which I should
like to obtain - I accidentally
formed an acquaintance with a
young man who has been receiving
his education in Chester Co Penn
he has many of the plants of that
Co and presented me with quite
a number that were new to me -
he knows but little of plants
except their names notwithstanding
he has collected a great no
he has studied the artificial
System only and tho Darlington
has given the ~~is~~ a book - his (oracle
is Eaton) I advised him to read
Gray, he promised to do so

You spoke in your last of
Fremont and his plants, I do not
recollect that you mentioned

him when I saw you, and I was obliged to inquire who he is &c Mr Field told me that he thought he was in the employ of the Navy - but could tell me but little about the matter. Please give me a history of the matter - One of our Congressmen has promised to procure me a number of his reports

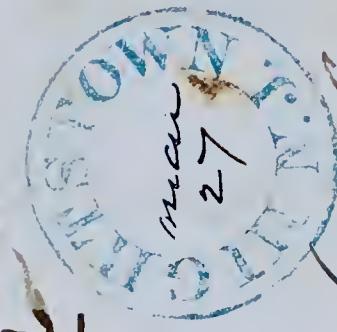
I begin to look for flowers but have found only two or three. I was busy about getting married last Spring and lost all the latter part of April and the first of May during that time this season I intend to scour the field effectually I hope to have an opportunity to explore Long Island next Summer -

Yours with much
respect

O. R. Willis


Dr S. Correy

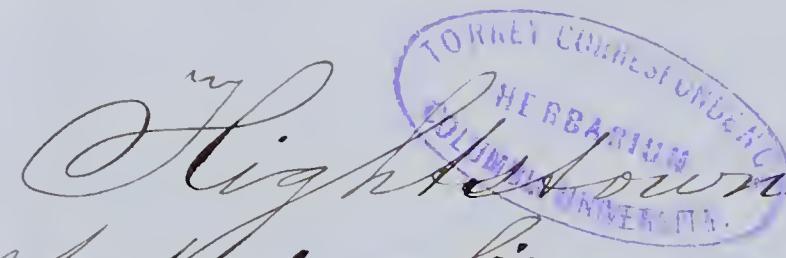
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George C. Morris
Insurance Broker

Tonya Smith
Insurance Broker





Highstown May 13. 1845

Most Respected Sir:

When I was at Princeton I remarked to you that I wished to procure a few articles to show some experiments, and you told me you had a friend in the city, who would furnish me with what I need at reasonable rates. But you did not tell me his name nor his "whereabouts" - You also told me you would ~~have~~ a book in some place that I might get it when I went to the city, I could get it at Wiley & Putnams, and shall be in the city week after next. Is there a recipe for preparing lime to make it stay on brick walls when exposed to the weather?

Yours with respect

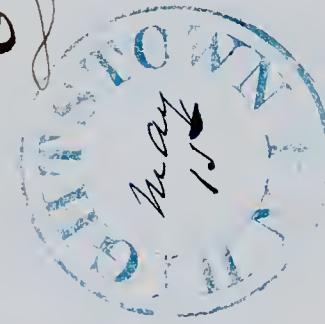
O. R. Willis

P.S. I have found several plants this spring that I did not find here last season. One I think is Pientalis I have one that I have not determined. It grows in wet places and is so large that I can not send a specimen in a letter, but will get one to you in some other way soon. O.R.W.



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Dr. D. Morris
Princeton
New Jersey



High ~~Isle~~ ^{Isle} of Wight July 7. 1841
Most respected sir



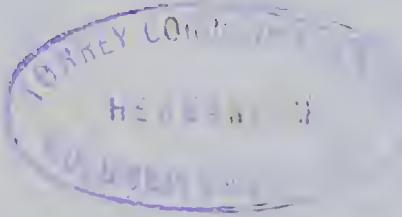
I expected to have sent you some plants here this but have been prevented by a want of a suitable opportunity, I have been in Princeton twice within a short time and should have called on you, but the first time I visited fit for the purpose of accompanying a gentleman in our vicinity who was very desirous of seeing Mr. Fields grounds and fruit trees, My time was therefore at his disposal I was also at P. on Commencement day and as I was aware you would be engaged on that day, I did not call My vacation will begin on the 20 of next month and after the 25 I shall be ready to take a botanizing excursion in the Pines of Long Island—if you will be able to go about that time you will please let me know immediately—The L. I. R. Road runs thro' the whole pine region longitudinally which will afford great facilities in getting from one

locality to another - I was in the
upper part of Burlington Co last
week I found several plants
that were new to me and I have
not had time to examine them
yet - My school is very large and
employs so much of my time
that I can scarcely get an opportunity
to do any thing at plants & I have
however secured quite a number that
I had not - I have the second
edition of the "Text Book" and have
read some of it -

Yours with much respect

O. R. Willis

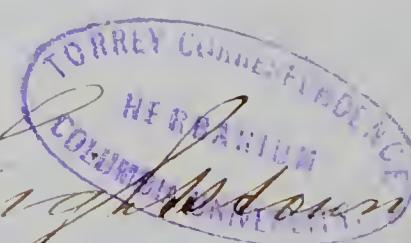
To D. J. Torrey



Dr.

Dr. J. C. Carey
Princeton
New Jersey





Hopkinton. April 3. 1868

Most Respected Sir:

Yours of 30 ult. came in due time. I am much obliged for your advice about the rod. I had my mind made up that the Patient affair was a catch pinner.

Will you be kind enough to speak to Prof. Henry about the size of the rod and &c - the contract includes the rod and I wish to have it put up as it should be as our Tower will be a fine mark for Electricity.

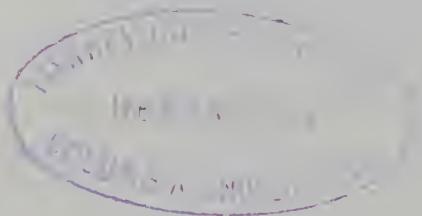
I think that a "daguerreotypist" would be as likely to succeed in Freehold as in any village I know of if he will do it reasonably. I will get him to take a picture of our building - And upon your recommendation will speak a good word for him. Is it Prock? - I shall go to Freehold on Thursday if nothing happens my child is very sick and if it does not get better I shall be obliged to leave it and its mother behind when I move.

did you say anything to
Holton about teaching for me?
Where can I find him? And what
is he at now?

Yours with much respect

O.R. Willis

To Dr Torrey





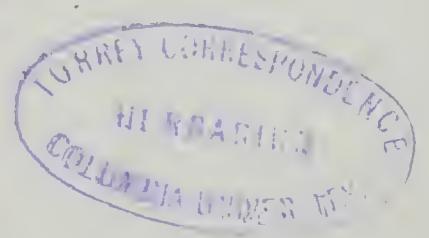
David

Smith



The Dr. D. Correy
Division of Town
New Jersey





Freehold Institute July 17/48

Respected Sir:

I had expected to hear from Mr. Prosch before this has he abandoned the idea of coming to Freehold? we shall be disappointed if he does not come - I think he could do a brisk trade here for a week or two.

As I have some young men who do not expect to go to college and who wish to look into Geology a little I am anxious to procure some drawings to illustrate the subject -

I should be glad to borrow some to copy
as we have a good drawing teacher here
can you put me in the way of obtaining
something of the kind? I should like
also to get some drawings to illustrate
Botany — I have a mind to propose
to Mr Holton that he should deliver a course
of lectures on Chemistry next winter to
my School — I am fitting up my Gymnas-
ium — I hope Sir, that you will call
on me this summer if you go to the
Shore — I have a class of 7 in Botany who
are active and are collecting quite indus-
triously so we shall soon know what plants
this region furnished. & if there be any thing
new we shall be likely to pick it up
and will give you due notice of any discov-
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Yours with much respect —

O. R. Willis

To Dr Torrey

Freehold Institute April 30 1830
Respected Sir:

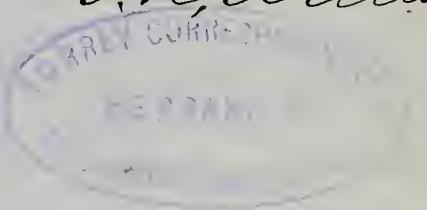
Grimeskem has been sealing me
for several years to assist him in preparing
for the prep a list of the plants of Mon-
mouth. I have been so entirely occu-
pied with the affairs of the School that
I could not touch it. I am better
off for teachers this summer than I have
been and have got settled down into system
I shall therefore be able to give some atten-
tion to Blossom. I have an active class
that will scour up the vicinity I think
pretty well. I should like to add to the
catalogue of Monmouth, the plants
of Mercer. We have no plan matured;
can you suggest? Have you some catalogues
to lend me from which I can take some
hints? Have you any material for the
list of Mercer? — If you have any plan
to suggest or any catalogues to lend me
please let me know immediately.

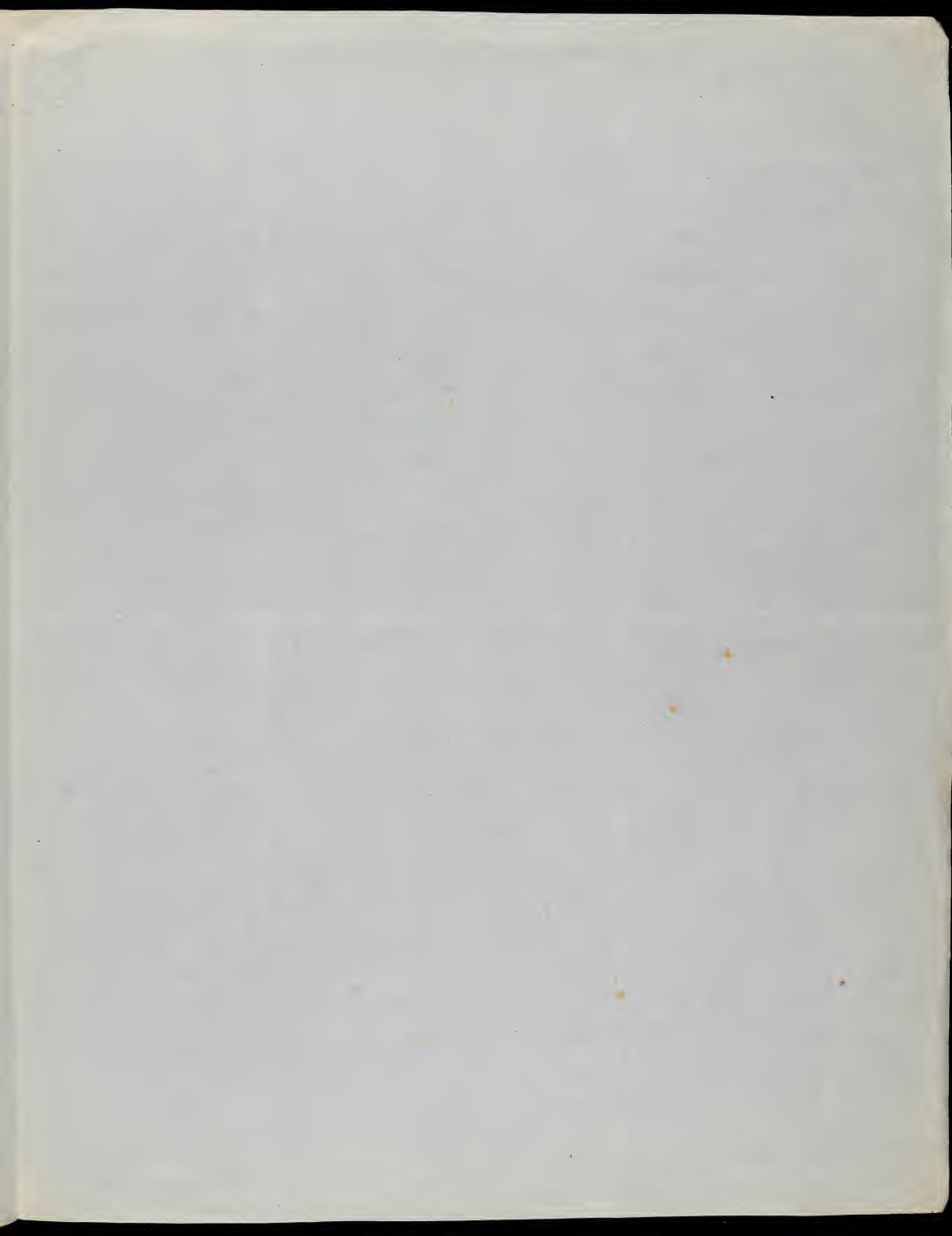
I am with great respect —

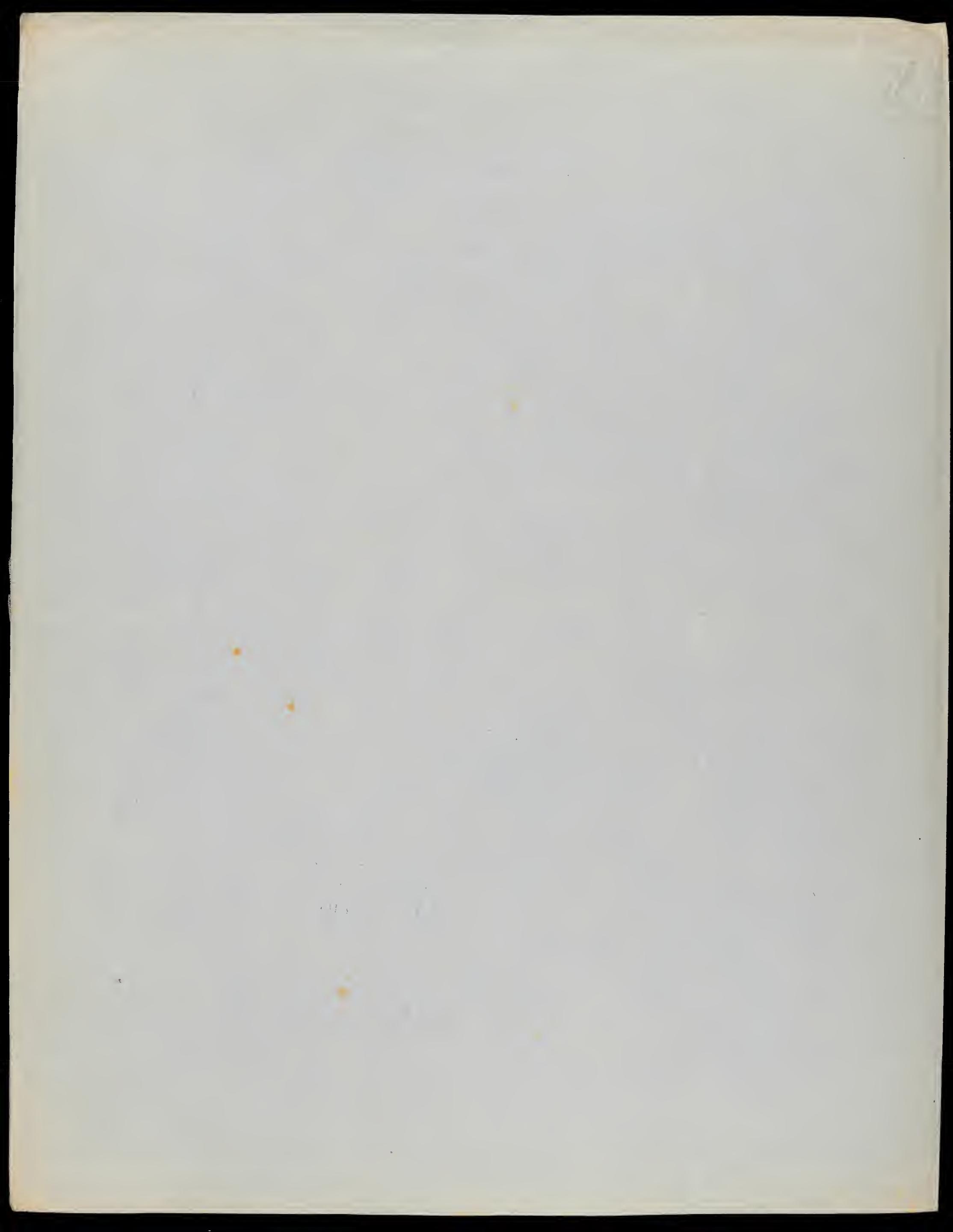
Your humble servant

O. R. Willis.

Prof. J. Torrey



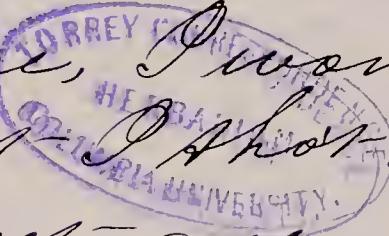




of
Freehold Institute

May 2nd 1860

Dear and Respected Sir:

My copy of
Gray is so marked already
that I think it best to send
you a new copy and have
done so directing it to be
left at the post office. The
driver is a drunken fellow
tho, and may leave it at
the Stage House — I saw
Your daughter at Washington
a few weeks since,  I would have
spoken to her but I thought she
might not recollect me and
I did not care to be obliged to
make myself known to a lady by
any explanation whatever — She was
in company with Mrs. Henry at
the Stage House — I have a small
specimen of that amber that
I can spare you — would you

like a Scorpion from S. America;
When will you have time to make
the book? —

I am with great respect
Yrs Dr John Torrey O. Willis.

Freehold, N. J. July 22nd 1850

Dear and Respected Sir:

Inclosed is a list of the plants

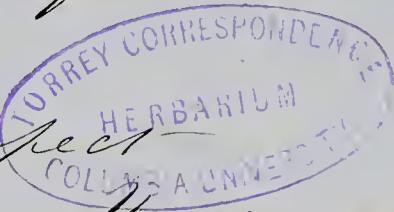
I want; I have marked those that I have obtained already. You remarked in a letter that many on my list are so common that I can easily procure them. There are about 50 species that I did not intend to have printed, for they can be collected in sight of my house. My plan was to make a list of all I wanted to complete my herbarium of Merion & Monmouth, which I did in manuscript and marked those that I ~~did~~ not wish to print. I then gave the list to my writing master to copy and told him to omit those that were marked and as he is generally very careful in such matters I sent it to the printer without giving it a close examination. But when the proof came I saw the blunder, I called on the printer to get him to take them out, he told me it would make so much additional labor that it would double the expense. So I concluded to let it go much against my will. And this to mark those that I could collect here.

My object in sending you a copy, is to get you to inclose it to your friend at Lawrenceville, please tell him that a package will reach me in your care (via) Princeton, I shall be happy to furnish him with anything of which I have duplicates a list of which I also inclose - there are a few on it that are also on my list of wants. This blunder was committed

by the same person as I used the same list -
to mark my ~~list~~ of duplicates and wants by;
but used different marks; my own faults
in not having carefully examined and corrected
them before I send them to the printer - it
is now too late, and I have learned a good
lesson by it - inclosed you will find
and so pay postage on your letter to Lawrenceville

I saw Mr. Bush on Saturday last -
he informed me that you expect to take a
son in the pines this week, can you not take
Freehold in your way either as you go or
return, if you can, you will please go and
yourself on me, and I will visit the local
cities in this neighborhood with you, - I am
progressing with the catalogue Krieskow has
sent me his list upon which I find several
that I had not down, I notice that quite
a number are not marked in my book that
I have seen growing here, Did you know that
Trillium cernuum grew in this co? Some Speci-
mens were shown me, by Miss Rankin one
of the teachers in the Young Ladies Seminary
here - they were procured within a mile of the
village, I have not seen it growing - I shall
be absent from home tomorrow and a part of
next day but shall be home after that, and
shall be at your service.

I am with respect



Yours O. Willis.

To Dr. J. Torrey

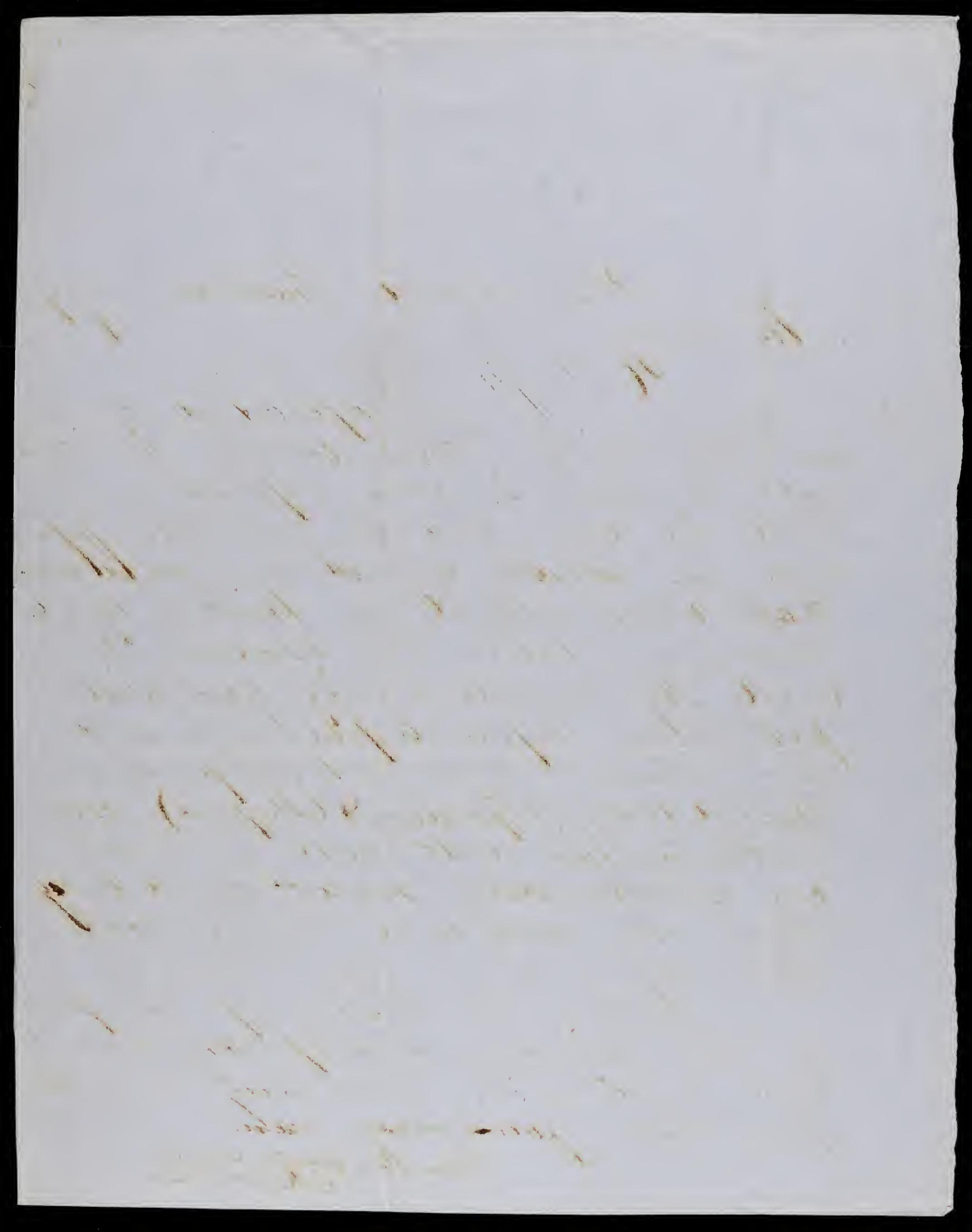
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Freehold Institute Aug. 3rd,
Mr. Leroy, Dr. J. J.

Expected to be
in the city this week, but shall
not be able to accomplish it. I
shall be very glad to get the paper
you so kindly offered me, and also
those volumes of the History of N.Y.
that contain the Botany, Geology,
and Agriculture, if you will
put them up in a package and
have them left at Shepard's in
Broadway (Spalding & Shepard) My
brother in law will call for them
on Saturday next and bring
them to me, and I will return
them when you say. I shall,

I am looking up the plants
of the neighborhood pretty thoroughly
and will give you anything you
find that you may want.

I am be your truly,
W. R. Willis

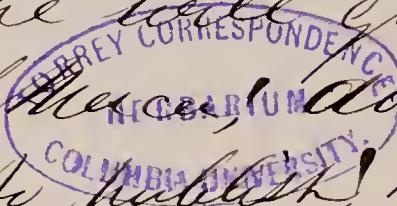


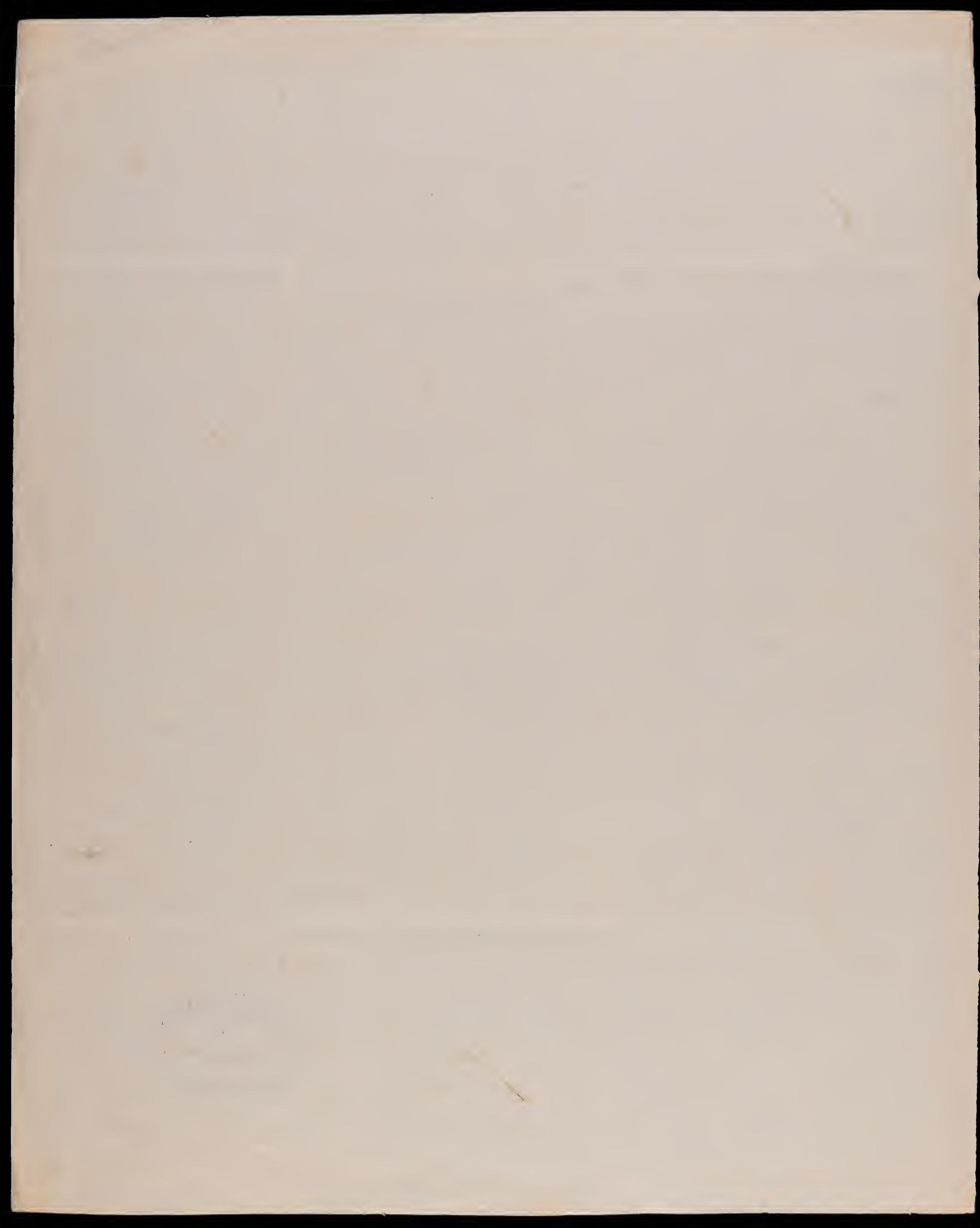
Princeton Sept 14-1850

Dr. J. I called at your residence yesterday but did not find you, I bear a small package for you in which are some Specimens of *Gaura stricta*, in flower, when I collected them found none in fruit; and the next time I visited the locality it had been mown, - There are two plants in the package that I am now certain about, - the one marked No. 1 I found near Key Port the one marked No. 2 near Amboy but it grows also near Freehold. Please tell me what they are and oblige me very much, - ~~Yours~~

Mr Lanning yesterday and left my flora with him to mark only plants he may know to grow in Mercer, which is not marked, he says he will give me a list of the species of ~~the~~ ^{HERBARY CORRESPONDENCE} MUSEUM, do you think well of it? (i.e.) to publish?

In great haste
I am with respect
O. R. Weller





Freehold Insitute June 22-1832

Dr. Torrey

Dear Respected Sir,

Inclosed you will find some fragments of a plant which I take to be Vaccinium pallidum? I have not seen it in flower and can find no description which satisfies me exactly, I saw some plants at least 12 feet high and one not less than 3 inches in diameter, I am not at all satisfied about it, will you enlighten me on the subject? if the fragments which are inclosed are not large enough to decide upon, I can get a good Specimen to you.

I had a present of a collection of plants from the Alps not long since from the highest valley on mont Blanc.

I am very respectfully and truly

Yours,

P.S. Remember me to Dr. M. in



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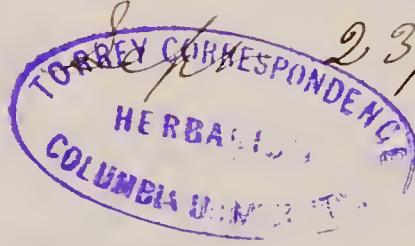
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White Plains

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Dr Torrey Drpi:

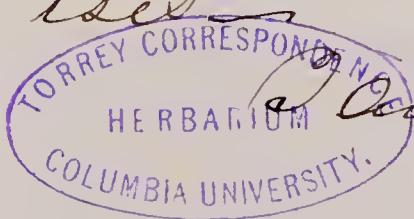
Enclosed please find fragments of a species of *Ranunculus*, about which I am not satisfied, it corresponds in all respects with (or rather) in most respects with your *Pennsylvanicus*, but the flowers you see are too large!

I am quite busy in collecting. tho I am not able to work up the locality for want of time, I have with my own hands collected and preserved several hundred species, this is a prolific region - Prof Chaubonne

of Williams College has
a large collection of plants
many from Europe. He
has invited me to
spend a few weeks with
him during my next
vacation and aid him
in arranging his collection
and Botany in his her-
barium! I hope you
will keep me in mind
when plants come into
your hands, I have intended
to visit you but
have been very busy since
I came here in organizing
my School, we are very
successful here making
more than a living at
the start — Have you
moved into your new
house? — Do you know
any young Botanists

with whom you can put
me in correspondence?

Dr Gray has promised
to help me to some plants
and some other friends
also have made kind prom-
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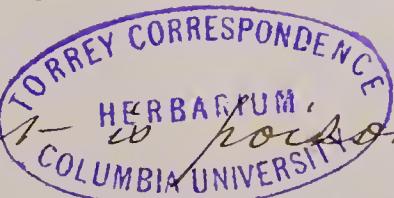
Yours respectfully
and very truly yours

D. R. Willis

P. S. Have you ever in your
practice had a case of an
adult afflicted with ascari-
des? I have been for about
3 years afflicted in that way,
my physicians have been un-
able to relieve me except
temporarily

Yours &c. D. R. W.

The plant is poisonous.



Shuttle
Sept 23/62